

A NEW FORM OF MYRICA PENNSYLVANICA

While collecting in the Ocean Park section of Old Orchard Beach, York County, Maine, in the summer of 1967, I noticed that certain bayberry plants were conspicuous for their extremely small leaves. The fruit were also impressively smaller than on typical plants. Such aberrant plants were often found beside typical plants, but no plants with intermediate characters were found. About 5% of the Ocean Park bayberry plants are of this new form. All the bayberry plants in Ocean Park are found in open sandy soil within 1/2-mile of the beach.

Myrica pensylvanica Loisel. forma **parvifolia** T. W. Wells, forma nova. Type Specimen: T. W. Wells, Old Orchard Beach, York Co., Maine, 5 Sept., 1967 (N.E.B.C.).

Differt a forma typica foliis multo minoribus maturisque baccis minoribus: foliis ad 3 1/2 cm longis, ad 1 1/2 cm latis; maturis baccis ad 3.5 mm latis.

The difference between this form and forma *pensylvanica* is in the much smaller size of the leaves and fruit: the larger leaves up to 3 1/2 cm long and 1 1/2 cm wide, but averaging under 3 cm long and under 1 cm wide; and the mature fruit up to 3.5 mm in diameter.

Voucher specimens are deposited in the herbarium of the New England Botanical Club.

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